Addendum to the Rules of the ICJ

Quorum for Deliberations

(1) The quorum of the Court is deemed met for its deliberations in respect of decisions in individual cases of administrative law where a draft judgment is circulated to the judges of the Court, and 48 hours have elapsed.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply where, in the 48-hour period, any judge of the Court has expressly circulated to the other judges of the Court a request for additional deliberation, to propose modifications or addenda to the judgment, or to propose an alternative judgment.

(3) Where a request referred to in paragraph (2) is made, that request or proposal shall be deemed withdrawn unless:

(a) A period of 48 hours has elapsed since the requesting or proposing judge last pursued that request or proposal through further communications or documentation in respect of that request;

(b) The request is by nature complete at the time of its formulation, or before the period referred to in subparagraph (a) has expired (such as where the proposed amendment is included in the initial communication);

(c) The judge having made the request gives notice that they will pursue the matter after the period of 48 hours, for a specified reason, and an estimate for when they intend to pursue the matter.

(4) Where a material substantive modification or addition to the draft judgment is made, whether at the request of the rapporteur or another judge, the period of review under paragraph (1) shall commence anew.